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Dear Colleagues:

As co-conveners, Dr. Oliver S. Flint, Jr., and I would like to cordially invite you to participate in the **8th International Symposium on Trichoptera** to be held in the "Twin Cities" of Minneapolis and St. Paul and Lake Itasca, Minnesota, from 9-15 July, 1995. There will be an informal reception Sunday night, 9 July on the University of Minnesota campus. The formal paper and poster presentations will begin Monday morning, 10 July and will continue through Tuesday afternoon, 11 July, again, on the University campus. On Wednesday morning, 12 July, we will board motor coaches and travel to Lake Itasca, Minnesota. Paper and poster presentations will resume at Lake Itasca and a day will be reserved entirely for collecting, nature walks, canoeing, and other recreational and social activities. After a final formal paper session and the business meeting, the Symposium will conclude at noon on Saturday, 15 July. We will then return via motor coach to the Twin Cities. To participate in all activities, participants should plan to arrive in the Twin Cities on Saturday, 8 July, or Sunday, 9 July, and depart on Sunday, 16 July. An accompanying persons program is also planned as is a post Symposium excursion for a limited number of interested participants.

Accommodations will be available in University dormitories during the Twin Cities portion of the symposium and at Douglas Lodge in Lake Itasca. Hotel accommodations (more expensive than the dormitories) are available also in the Twin Cities, but there are no other accommodations available at Lake Itasca. Total costs for regular participants of the Symposium staying in university housing will be \$407 which includes room, meals, transportation, the reception, program and abstract booklet, etc. The cost is slightly lower for accompanying persons. The official language for the Symposium will be English. It is anticipated that publication of the proceedings of the Symposium will be by Backhuys Publishers, Leiden, The Netherlands.

The Twin Cities and the University of Minnesota

The Twin Cities area, with a population of over 2 million, is the metropolitan and cultural center of the Upper Midwest, with excellent art galleries, museums, small theaters, and music groups, including the Minnesota Orchestra and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. There is a full complement of professional and amateur athletic teams. Numerous parks, lakes, and rivers in the area provide exceptional opportunities for swimming, fishing, and boating in summer and skating, skiing, and ice fishing in winter. In July, the average high temperature is * 80°F and the average low is 60°F. It is usually the sunniest month of the year. The University, with about 40,000 students, was founded in 1851 by the Minnesota Territorial Legislature. It is unusual in that it functions as an agricultural institution and as a metropolitan university in the heart of the Twin Cities.

Lake Itasca

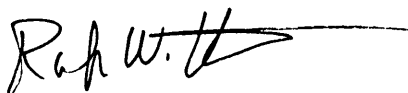
Lake Itasca, situated in Lake Itasca State Park, is the headwaters of the Mississippi River. The region abounds in wildlife, including black bear, white tailed deer, smaller mammals, many birds, and about 125 species of caddisflies. Pristine lakes and rivers are numerous and some virgin stands of pine forest remain. The Park has many trails for hiking and biking as well as picnic areas, swimming beaches, and canoe and boat rentals.

Traveling to the Twin Cities

The Twin Cities are serviced by an international airport which also serves as the home base of Northwest Airlines. Northwest, in partnership with KLM, has many non-stop flights from Europe and the Orient. Many other carriers fly into the Twin Cities and easy connections can be made to other continents. The area is also serviced by train, via our AMTRAK system. For those driving, two interstate highways intersect in the Twin Cities, I-35 and I-94.

We look forward to seeing you in July, 1995, and promise you a most productive and enjoyable Symposium.

Sincerely yours,



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Associate Professor

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